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NOTICE

As we are building two new storerooms just east of Sneed's hotel, we will be compelled now to ask each and everyone who know themselves indebted to us to please call and settle. We need what is due us. Don't delay, as we need it.

RESPECTFULLY,

S. M. White,

KEYTESVILLE, MO.

Carrollton Defeats Keytesville.

Keytesville's ball-players went up against the real article Friday, when they tackled the Carrollton team. The local fans offer many apologies, but the truth is the Carrollton boys outplayed them. There was a good attendance and the weather was bracing. Each team went into the game with confidence and vim, and the contest was fierce from the time the game was called until the finish. Carrollton failed in first inning, but got in two runs in the second and repeated that score in third inning. They laid down then until the seventh when they added one more, as they also did in the eighth, and then quit. The Keytesville boys got one run in first, none in second and third, one in fourth, two in fifth, and that was all. The final score was:

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Carrollton	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	6
Keytesville	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	4

The visitors were a jolly set of young gentlemen, and as handsome an aggregation of masculine beauty as usually appears on the diamond—as can be proven by more than one Keytesville girl. They were royally entertained by their hosts while here, but not more so than they deserved. Keytesville has a good ball team, with a good record, but Carrollton "took them down the line." Several errors made by Keytesville in the first three innings were absolutely inexcusable, and an able-bodied man is badly needed to take our boys out behind a barn and kick them.

Had it not been for the bold, bad blunders made by Keytesville in the first three innings, the score would have been 3 to 2 in favor of the home team.

ARMSTRONG VS. KEYTESVILLE.

The Armstrong team, claiming the amateur championship of Central Missouri, are to be in Keytesville to-day (Friday) and play a deciding game with our boys. These clubs have met twice on the diamond this season, each scoring a victory, and to-day's work will determine who is the best or which is the worst. A good game is assured and a liberal attendance is expected.

ANOTHER MAN KILLED.

JASPER COLEMAN, MARSHAL OF DALTON,
USES HIS PISTOL WITH DEADLY
EFFECT ON RUFUS COX.

Coroner's Jury Says That Killing Was Unjustifiable—Public Sentiment Is Against Coleman, Who Is Now in Jail.

It is in a spirit of indignation and feeling of shame that the COURIER is compelled to report another sacrifice of human life in Chariton county. Saturday evening, August 8, Jasper Coleman shot and killed Rufus Cox of near Dalton.

The victim was a farmer, fisherman, wood-chopper, etc., and was frequently seen on the streets of Dalton, selling the fruits of his labor. He was permitted by the merchants of Dalton to occupy a stand in front of their places of business. He had made an unusually good haul of fish Saturday, and was engaged in retailing his "catch" when the tragedy occurred that resulted in his death.

Jasper Coleman, who did the killing, is also a young man, and had recently been appointed to the office of town marshal of Dalton. His fitness for the place has always been doubted, owing to his youth and want of experience, and Saturday's affair certainly demonstrated his incompetency.

He approached young Cox and ordered him to move his box of fish. Cox replied that he was there by consent of the occupant of the premises, and refused to move. Later on, Coleman repeated his order, and when Cox failed to comply, the young marshal, with a threat, so it is said, grabbed hold of the fisherman's box. Of course Cox resisted and a scuffle ensued, during which several pistol shots, fired by Coleman, rang out and Cox fell, mortally wounded.

The body was removed and an autopsy, conducted by Dr. B. Hughes, coroner, assisted by O. J. Cunningham, a medical student, preceded the coroner's inquest.

STORY OF THE TRAGEDY.

Dr. B. Hughes, who had been apprised of the killing, went immediately to the scene and proceeded to hold an inquest. A number of witnesses were examined who testified as follows:

Dr. O. J. Cunningham of Keytesville, who assisted in the autopsy, testified: "I found two bullet wounds, one near the center or middle of the chest near the fourth rib; another in the right shoulder above the scapula; I think the wound in the chest caused his death; the other was harmless; upon removing the sternum and costal cartilages the bullet was found to have passed through the right lung, near the anterior and interior border; after passing through the lung it entered the heart; lungs were in a collapsed condition; entered the upper chamber of the heart, passing through the right auricle; from there we found no further trace of bullet; found the pericardium to be filled with blood; think his death was caused by the heart wound, causing internal hemorrhage; I think a man in his condition would live only a few minutes; also noticed

the skin had a burned appearance, an area about size of half dollar; should think the party who did the shooting was very near."

Henry J. Sleyster of near Dalton testified: "On August 8, at 7 o'clock, I was in Dalton in front of Kraxberger's store; I was standing there; I didn't see them when they started; first saw them scuffling; afterwards Coleman wanted to arrest him (Rufe Cox); I don't know what for; Cox pulled loose and said: 'Let me alone;' Coleman ran his hand in his pocket three or four times before he shot him; I couldn't find out what he wanted to arrest him for; I couldn't tell how many times he shot; he shot several times; after he was shot I walked up to where the shooting took place; Cox was lying on his face; he didn't seem to be dead; I don't know how long he lived; he was dead before I left him; I saw no effort on the part of Cox to do Coleman any bodily harm; I never heard him say anything except 'let me alone.'"

Henry Gottschalk of near Dalton testified: "On August 8, at 7 o'clock, I was in about six feet of Mr. Cox when he was shot; Mince (Mince is a nickname for Jasper Coleman) came up and said: 'Rufe, you will have to move that fishbox;' Rufe said: 'I got permission from McNabb to leave my box here.' Then Mince went down the street and came back; he was gone about two minutes; I couldn't say where he went; he came back and said: 'Rufe, you will have to move that fishbox or I will.' Then Rufe said: 'No you won't; I have permission from McNabb to leave my box here.' Then Mince grabbed Rufe Cox and said: 'Come, go down the street then;' Rufe said: 'I won't go down the street;' then Mince said: 'You will, or I will kill you;' Mr. Cox said nothing; then Coleman pulled his gun and commenced shooting; he shot three or four times; the shots were very close; he was in about eight inches of him when he fired the last shot; I saw him fall; he never said anything; he lived 5 or 10 minutes, and Coleman went on up the street, but afterwards came back by; Rufe pulled loose from Mince two or three times; I never heard Mr. Cox make any threats."

Charles E. Jaeger testified: "On August 8 I was in Dalton, in front of Kraxberger's store; I was sitting talking to some other parties and heard a conversation up the street between Jasper Coleman and Rufe Cox; Jasper Coleman is city marshal; from what I saw Coleman must have tried to arrest Rufe Cox, and Cox did not want to go with him; he grabbed hold of Rufe's hand and tried to pull him up the street, and Rufe pulled loose from him and went back to his fishbox, and then after a few attempts to pull him up the street,

Mince pulled out his pistol and shot him; the only resistance that Cox made was that he pulled loose several times and went back to his fishbox; the only thing Cox said was: 'I won't go with you.' I don't know what started the trouble; I don't know whether Cox was drinking or not; he had fish here on the street for sale; I was 15 or 20 yards from them when the shooting took place; Cox didn't have a weapon that I saw, nor did he attempt to strike Coleman; there wasn't much said; I am positive he shot three times and possibly four; I went up where he was shot; he was lying on sidewalk on his side; he wasn't dead; he didn't say anything."

Henry Gottschalk, Sr., testified: "On August 8, at 7 o'clock, I was in the saloon with Mr. Morgan taking a glass of beer; I heard some shooting outside; I hadn't heard any quarreling; when I heard the first shot I ran to the door; I stepped out of the door and he was still shooting; I was about six feet from him and Rufe Cox was lying on his back with arms folded, and said: 'For God's sake don't shoot any more;' this was all I saw; I think he lived 5 or 10 minutes."

R. W. Pearman testified: "On August 8, at 7 o'clock, I was standing at the fishbox where the shooting took place, about six feet away; Mr. Coleman came along and told Mr. Cox he would have to move his fishbox; he asked him why, and he said some are kicking on it; Mr. Cox said: 'I have permission from the man that is running this building to put my fishbox here;' Coleman then went on down the street somewhere, then came back and said: 'Rufe, you will have to move that box or I will move it;' then Rufe said: 'Mince, you leave that box alone; I have permission from the man that runs this building to leave my box here;' then he ran up and grabbed Rufe by the waist and twisted around for quite a little bit, and finally Rufe got loose from Coleman; Coleman said to Cox: 'You get up the street or I will kill you;' Rufe said: 'Mince, I haven't done anything for you to kill me for, and I am not going anywhere;' at that time I jerked my boys out of the way, and Coleman pulled out his gun and shot Cox, and he folded his arms; I said: 'For God's sake don't shoot anymore, you have killed him;' this was the first shot; he shot three times afterwards; I think the first shot killed him; Cox and Coleman were about six feet apart; I don't know what kind of a pistol it was; I think he lived about 10 minutes; he never said anything at all; he never attempted to strike Coleman at any time."

VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY.

At the conclusion of the taking of testimony the jury retired and in a very few minutes returned the following verdict:

"We, the jury, find that the deceased came to his death by a wound from a pistol ball fired by the hand of Jasper Coleman of Dalton, Mo., and from the evidence produced we find that the killing of Rufus Cox by Jasper Coleman was unjustifiable."

T. H. CARSKADON, FOREMAN;
J. N. FOGLESONG,
M. T. DAVENPORT,
T. R. LOUGE,
FRANK KALINKA,
JAMES WINKLER.
Sheriff Veatch went to Dalton, arrested Coleman, brought him to Keytesville and placed him in jail, where he will probably

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remain until court meets in September.

Jasper Coleman, the murderer, is 22 years old, single, and is a son of P. C. Coleman, and was born and reared in this vicinity. He is also a cousin to the late C. C. Coleman, who was killed in Keytesville by Wm. G. White, the night of the 27th of last April. Jasper Coleman expressed a blood-thirsty desire to kill White, Monday, July 27, the day White pleaded guilty to the murder of C. C. Coleman, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for 30 years. Relatives of White's would-be slayer, however, interfered and prevented Jasper from shooting the man who killed his cousin, and whose mother raised Jasper from the time he was 18 months old, his own mother being dead.

Rufus Cox, aged 35, who was killed by Jasper Coleman, was unmarried and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cox. The senior Cox was superintendent of the Chariton county poorfarm for several years, but now lives near Siloam Springs, Ark.

Rufus Cox's funeral and burial took place at Dalton late Monday afternoon under the auspices of the Modern Woodmen of America camp of that place, of which order deceased was a member, and in which he carried \$2,000 insurance, \$1,000 for his father and \$1,000 for his mother. The obsequies were largely attended and among those present was the young man's aged father, but his mother was unable, on account of illness, to pay the last sad rites to her son.

The foregoing is a very accurate report of this deplorable affair. It is compiled and given to the public with that freedom from favoritism or prejudice that is always manifest with the COURIER. It is the news, the truth, that the people want, and, as far as possible, the COURIER will print nothing else. As we have said in previous issues, the value of human life has been held too low in this county, and the welfare of society, protection of life and preservation of our laws demand legal punishment for the criminal. It is not the mission of the COURIER to try any case out of court, but it is the duty of every reputable journal to condemn wrong and demand justice in courts as well as among individuals. Our laws are made for our protection, and when an individual defies the statutes and takes the law in his own hands, he then becomes an outlaw and should be treated as such. Let justice reign supreme, and emphasize the fact that there is both justice and law in Chariton county.

Applegate Family Re-union.

There was a remarkable gathering and re-union of the families of Lewis M., Wm. C. and Jas. L. Applegate, held in the yard between the residences of Lewis M. and Jas. L. Applegate in Keytesville Sunday, August 9. There were present L. M. Applegate and wife, Jas. L. Applegate and wife, W. W. Rucker and wife, Geo. H. Applegate and wife and four children of this city, L. D. Applegate and wife and son of Kansas City, Mrs. George M. Hearne and three children of Shreveport, La., B. C. Applegate and wife and son of St. Louis, Harry Applegate, wife and daughter of Atlanta, Ga., H. C. Applegate and wife of St. Louis and Mrs. W. M. Meredith and son of Romney, W. Va.

There were a few absentees who would have enjoyed the event, and whose attendance was much desired, among whom were: Mrs. J. E. Applegate and three children of St. Louis, and Edgar P. Rucker, wife and daughter of Welch, W. Va. The foregoing are descendants of Judge Lisbon Applegate, who was for many years a prominent citizen of Keytesville, and who died here in January, 1875.

This was really one of the happiest events in Keytesville this summer. It was not a pre-arranged affair, but a fortunate assemblage of loved ones, occasioned by the visits of relatives who had come to join others who were already visiting the families of James L. and Lewis M. Applegate. The afternoon was devoted to merriment and a recital of events of the past, when the hosts were younger, but not much handsomer. It was an extremely felicitous affair and one that will long live in the memory of those who were present. The Messrs. Applegate and their families are among Keytesville's most honored and worthy people, and everyone, including the COURIER, wishes for them many joyful re-unions, none to be less delightful than this one.

During the afternoon Roy Rucker was busy with a camera and took several good pictures of the re-unions. These will be finished in first-class style and each member will have a pretty souvenir.

For Sale.

We offer for sale in the town of Shannondale, Chariton county, Mo., a well selected stock of general merchandise, also two-story frame storeroom, wareroom, fixtures, etc. We also have charge of post-office, ticket and express offices. Good and satisfactory reasons given for selling.

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